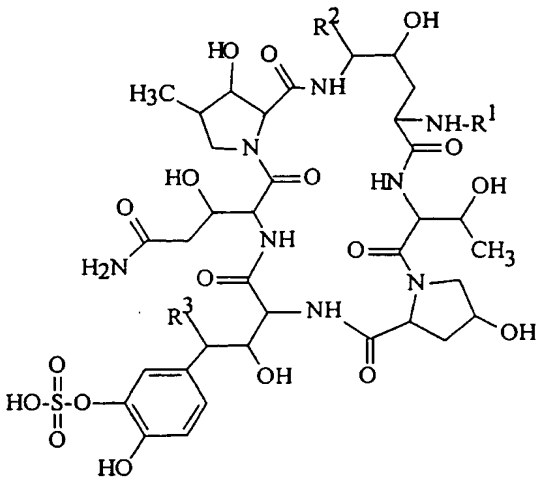
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A stabilized pharmaceutical composition in lyophilized form which comprises a cyclic polypeptide compound of the general formula (I):



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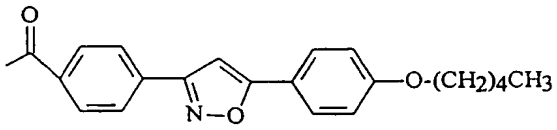
wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an acyl group and R^2 and R^3 are, the same or different, a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~as an active ingredient~~, and

one or more ~~suitable stabilizer(s)~~ compound(s) selected from the group consisting of a polysaccharide, a disaccharide and sodium chloride.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim 1 in which R^1 is represented by the formula:



and R^2 and R^3 are hydroxy groups.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim 1, ~~in which the~~ wherein said compound ~~stabilizer is~~ a disaccharide.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said compound is ~~in which the disaccharide is lactose,~~ maltose or sucrose.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, ~~in which the disaccharide is~~ wherein said compound is lactose.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim 1, which contains 0.4 to 50 parts by weight of ~~the stabilizer~~ said compound(s) with respect to one part by weight of the cyclic polypeptide compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim 1, which contains 0.1 to 400 mg of the cyclic polypeptide compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt in a single unit dose.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition according to claim 1 prepared by ~~the steps of~~:

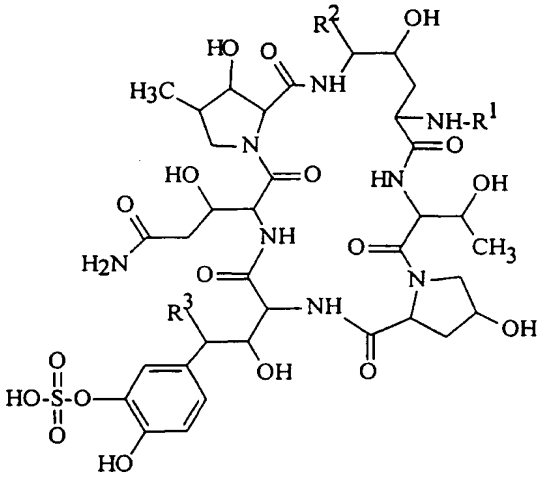
dissolving the cyclic polypeptide compound (I) or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, the ~~stabilizer~~ said compound(s), and optionally a pH adjustor, in a purified water and lyophilizing the solution.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition of claim 1 which, when dissolved in purified water, gives a solution of pH 4.0 to 7.5.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition of claim 1 ~~containing~~ which contains 3.4 % or less by weight ~~or less~~ of water.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for preparing a stabilized pharmaceutical composition comprising:

dissolving a cyclic polypeptide compound of the general formula (I):



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wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an acyl group and R^2 and R^3 are, the same or different, a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt and

one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of a polysaccharide, a disaccharide and sodium chloride in water, and optional a pH adjustor, and

lyophilizing the solution

~~use of the cyclic polypeptide compound (I) or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, and for preparing the stabilized pharmaceutical composition in lyophilized form containing the stabilizer~~.

Claim 12 (Original): An injection preparation prepared by dissolving the composition of claim 1 in isotonic sodium chloride solution.

Claim 13 (Cancelled):

Claim 14 (Cancelled):

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A commercial package comprising:

the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 ~~any one of claim 1 to claim 10~~ and ~~a~~

written matter associated therewith, wherein the written matter states that the pharmaceutical composition can or should be used for preventing or treating ~~an~~ infections or disease.

Claim 16 (New): The composition of claim 1, wherein said compound is a polysaccharide.

Claim 17 (New): The composition of claim 1, wherein said compound is sodium chloride.

Claim 18 (New): The composition of claim 1, further comprising a pH adjustor.

Claim 19 (New): The composition of claim 18, wherein the pH adjustor is acidic.

Claim 20 (New): The composition of claim 18, wherein the pH adjustor is basic.

Claim 21 (New): An aqueous composition comprising the composition of claim 1 and water.

Claim 22 (New): The aqueous composition of claim 21, wherein the water is present in an isotonic sodium chloride solution.

Claim 23 (New): The aqueous composition of claim 21, wherein the water consists essentially of purified water.

Claim 24 (New): A method for treating a fungal disease comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of claim 1 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 24, wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of dermatophytosis, pityriasis versicolor, candidiasis, cryptococcosis, geotrichosis, trichosporosis, aspergillosis, penicilliosis, fusariosis, zygomycosis, sporortrichosis, chromomycosis, coccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis, blastomycosis,

paracoccidioidomycosis, pseudallescheriosis, mycetoma, mycotic keratitis, otomycosis and pneumocystosis.